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President's Office

Victoria College
Toronto, Canada

December 31,1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,M.A.,LL.D.,
President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

As you know, Dr.Bell has been for many years on the staff of the University as well as of Victoria College. His chief work has,of course,been in Victoria College,so that the amount paid him by the University as salary is small. In a few years Dr.Bell will be 65,and the question of his superannuation is in my mind. It appears to me that Dr.Bell should share in a very much larger superannuation than the salary he receives from the University would entitle him to. My request through you is that the Carnegie Fund should treat Dr.Bell as if he had been in receipt of all his salary from the University. Until last year he never received more than $3,000 from Victoria. When he reaches 65 his salary from Victoria College will be $3,900. I am sure it will not appear unreasonable that this one member of our staff should receive this consideration at the hands of the Carnegie Trust Foundation. Indeed,considering our academic relations with the University of Toronto, the fact that from one standpoint we are an integral part of the University has always,in my judgment,given Victoria College a claim on the Carnegie Trust. Some years ago I visited New York City and presented this

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matter to the Secretary, Mr.Pritchett,and he assured me that he had had the matter in his thought and,knowing the unique relation constituted by the Federation Act,he was prepared to give sympathetic consideration to the claim that all the members of our Arts Faculty should be placed on this Fund. That,however, is now impracticable, but I am sure it will commend itself to you as reasonable that Dr.Bell should be placed on the list of those receiving superannuation from the Carnegie Trust.

As you know, Dr.Bell is a very great scholar. There are few men so widely read. All his life-time he has had no other interest save the work of a student and teacher. He has given his interest and time without limitation. He has devoted all the money he could spare from his salary to the creating of one of the finest private libraries in our city. His scholarship is widely recognized in his department of Classics. He is now engaged largely in the preparation of manuscripts for publication which I believe will show valuable research in the study of the Latin language and may prove a solution of many knotty problems which have been exefcising the minds of some of the greatest scholars.

Dr.Bell has been continuously on the staff of Victoria since the year 1881. I will be glad if you could find time, as President of the University, to take this matter

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up with the proper authorities, and your assistance will be very greatly appreciated by Victoria College.

Very sincerely yours,

R P Bowles

RPB/BMT.

January 2nd, 1920

Chancellor N. F. Dowies,
Victoria College.

Dear Dr. Dowies:

I shall be glad to take up with the Carnegie authorities the question of Dr. Neil being placed upon the pension list of the Carnegie Foundation when he retires at the age of sixty-five. It seems to me that he has a very strong case.

With best wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 26th, 1920

Chancellor H. P. Bowles,
Victoria College.

My dear Chancellor Bowles:

I am enclosing you a copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors at its last meeting with regard to the deferring of the payment of fees for those students who are granted loans through the Alumni Association Committee. The Alumni Association has taken the ground that it cannot loan money for the payment of fees, and the Governors have at my suggestion undertaken to act concurrently with the Alumni Association. I wonder whether Victoria College would be willing to take similar action.

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 26th, 1920

Chancellor E. F. Bowles,
Victoria College.

My dear Mr. Bowles:

I have just had word from the Secretary of the Carnegie Foundation with regard to my letter in which I laid the case of Professor Reid before the Executive. I am sorry that the reply has been unfavourable except in so far as Professor Reid is on the staff of the University. I am therefore writing Dr. Furst to state that it is on individual grounds that I am bringing forward Professor Reid's name, and telling him that I will not ask for any immediate action as I hope to bring the matter to their attention the next time I visit New York. I understand that you do not think action is urgent.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,

With reference to the action taken by the Board of Governors in loaning to returned men a sum of money equal to their fees, I will bring this up before the Executive Committee of the Board at its next meeting. In such matters it would seem as if similar action should be taken in all the Colleges. My own first impression is that the fees of such men ought to be remitted. If our College finances could stand it, I would certainly like it better than making a loan. We have had considerable experience with loans, and have not found them altogether satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

R P Bowles

President.

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April 29th, 1920

President R. P. Bowles,
Victoria College.

Dear Dr. Bowles:

I think this letter must be meant for you instead of me, and I have written to Mr. Lepper to that effect telling him that I am forwarding it to you.

I regret that I was unable to be present at your meetings when Dr. Wallace was given his farewell.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.